SPECIAL TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (TEUC-A) FOR DISPLACED AIRLINE RELATED WORKERS

WHAT IS TEUC-A? Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation for displaced airline related workers (TEUC-A) provides up to 39 weeks of benefits to unemployment workers whose exhausted regular unemployment compensation (UC) claim was based in whole, or in part, on qualifying employment for a certified air carrier, employment at a facility at an airport, or with a producer or supplier of products or services directly to an air carrier. Any regular TEUC benefits already received will be deducted from benefits available under this special program.

Unemployed eligible individuals may receive TEUC-A benefits for weeks of unemployment beginning April 20, 2003. TEUC-A claims may be filed up to December 27, 2003. Individuals having a remaining balance in their account as of December 28, 2003, may continue to receive benefits for weeks of unemployment during a phase-out period that ends the week of December 25, 2004.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS FOR TEUC-A?

Potentially eligible individuals are those individuals who have exhausted TEUC benefits, or have an existing TEUC claim on file with a balance remaining whose regular unemployment claim was based in whole, or in part, on employment and wages from the qualifying employment described above, and, who was laid-off from such employment on or after September 11, 2001 due to:

The reductions in airline service because of the terrorist actions of September 11, 2001, or,

The closure of a U.S. airport because of the terrorist actions or security measures, or,

The conflict with Iraq.

FILING A TEUC-A CLAIM

Claimants do not need to report to a VEC field office to file for these benefits. VEC will notify potentially eligible individuals by mail and provide mail-in claim forms. No new claims can be filed after 12/28/03.